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LETTER DATED 23 MARCH 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

With reference to Mr. Sacirbey's letters in documents S/25414 and S/25415 of 15 March, S/25434 of 18 March and S/25459 of 22 March 1993, I have the honour to point out the following:

1. The accusations contained in the above-mentioned letters about the alleged involvement of Serbian and Montenegrin forces in the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina are false and unfounded and my Government categorically rejects them. Such charges are intended to misguide the Security Council and are advanced especially when important negotiations are under way or crucial agreements to be reached.

2. Regarding the allegations that on 17 March 1993 "four fixed-wing aircraft of the Yugoslav People's Army carried out bombing missions against the town of Srebrenica", I would like to remind you that the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, in its statement of 20 March 1993, transmitted to you, denounced its involvement in any activities in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Yugoslavia fully complies with the provisions of Security Council resolution 781 (1992).

A typical manipulation, often used in Mr. Sacirbey's letters, is a reference to the Yugoslav People's Army which no longer exists.

3. As stated on a number of occasions and confirmed by the United Nations, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia withdrew all its military forces from Bosnia and Herzegovina on 19 May 1992 and is investing utmost efforts to prevent any military or other activities which might be directed against Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I would like to reiterate again that Yugoslavia is not a party to the conflict and is doing all within its powers so that a just and durable political settlement in Bosnia and Herzegovina be reached as soon as possible.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.